

**Introduced by Senator Murray**

February 19, 2004

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An act to amend Section 2131 of the Elections Code, relating to elections.

**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

SB 1551, as introduced, Murray. Elections: voter education.

Existing federal law, the Help America Vote Act of 2002, provides funding to the states to carry out activities relating to voter, election, and poll worker education and training, and improved accessibility for individuals with disabilities. The act conditions these funds on receipt of a state plan, which the act requires to be developed pursuant to certain procedures.

Existing state law authorizes the Secretary of State to provide grants to local elections officials, nonprofit corporations, and unincorporated associations to conduct voter outreach and voter education programs, or to increase accessibility for eligible voters with disabilities, using funding provided by the Help America Vote Act of 2002.

This bill would clarify that the voter outreach and voter education programs must be conducted in accordance with California's State Plan, as required by the Help America Vote Act of 2002. The bill would also state that the State Plan has been approved by the Legislature and the Governor.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.



*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 2131 of the Elections Code is amended  
2 to read:

3 2131. The Secretary of State may provide grants to local  
4 elections officials, nonprofit corporations, and unincorporated  
5 associations for the following purposes:

6 (a) To conduct voter outreach and voter education programs, in  
7 accordance with ~~the requirements of California's State Plan, as~~  
8 *approved by the Legislature and the Governor and required by the*  
9 *Help America Vote Act of 2002 (P.L. 107-252) (42 U.S.C. Sec.*  
10 *15301 et seq.)*, using funds provided to the state by Sections 101  
11 *(42 U.S.C. Sec. 15301) and 251 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 15401) of that act.*

12 (b) To increase accessibility for eligible voters with disabilities,  
13 in accordance with the requirements of the Help America Vote Act  
14 of 2002 ~~(P.L. 107-252) (42 U.S.C. Sec. 15301 et seq.)~~, using funds  
15 provided to the state by Section 261 *(42 U.S.C. Sec. 15421) of that*  
16 *act.*

